

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 40, line 2 and ending at line 23 to read, as follows.

In order ~~The objective of the present invention is~~ to suppress uneven densities in an image, ~~and therefore, the present invention provides~~ an image forming apparatus ~~including~~: includes an image bearing member; a first developing unit, including a first developer carrying member, for developing a first latent image formed on the image bearing member; a second developing unit, including ~~having~~ a second developer carrying member, for developing a second latent image formed on the image bearing member after the first developing unit has developed the first latent image; and a rotary unit, for holding the first and the second developing units and for moving the first and the second developing unit to positions opposite said image bearing ~~member, wherein, upon~~ member. Upon the reception of an image forming signal at the image forming apparatus, the first and the second ~~bearing~~ developer carrying members are rotated before the first latent image on the image bearing member is developed.